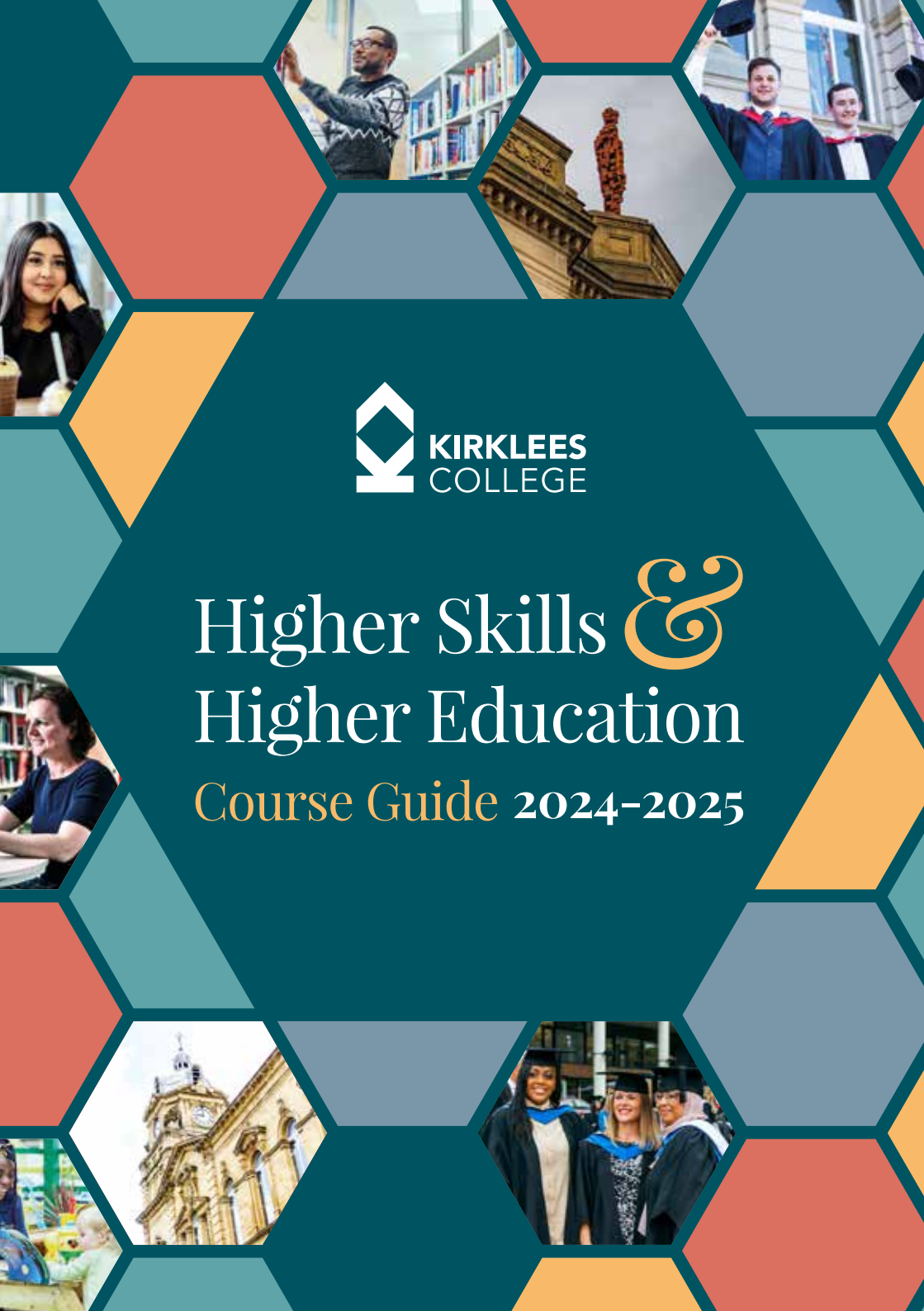




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Higher Skills & Higher Education

Course Guide 2024-2025



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Welcome

The Higher Skills and Higher Education programme at Kirklees College provides local people with the opportunity to gain qualifications, work skills and enhanced career prospects. Our vocational programme encompasses HNC/HND courses, Access to Higher Education courses and higher apprenticeships taught by industry experienced tutors to provide you with hands-on experience in your chosen career path.

We are also delighted to be offering two new foundation degrees with the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) in Business Management and Computer Science*.

Our Higher Skills provision offers degree level courses on your doorstep designed with your lifestyle and other commitments in mind. With lower course fees and small class sizes offering specialist academic support, our programmes provide an affordable and flexible alternative to university study.

Our £14m Pioneer Higher Skills Centre in Dewsbury with state-of-the-art facilities, places us at the forefront of delivering Higher Skills and Higher Education in West Yorkshire. This centre allows us to offer our students progression routes and employment opportunities both locally and nationally.

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What are Higher Skills and Higher Education?

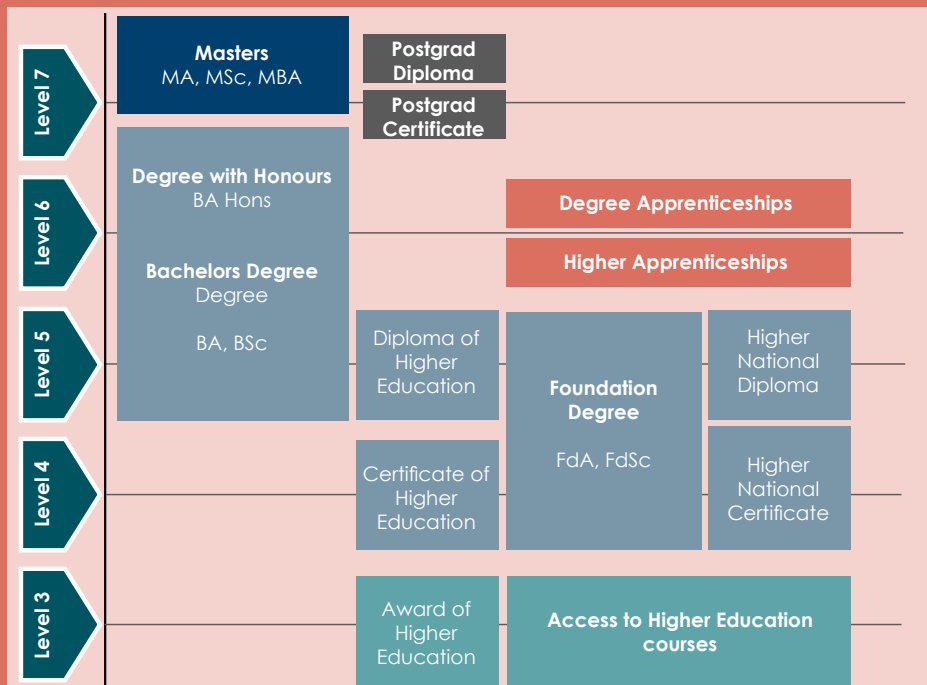


Higher Skills refers to study at Level 4 and above. The routes we offer our students are flexible, whether this is through our HNC, HND, foundation degrees, professional courses or higher apprenticeship routes.

Achieving a higher-level qualification will provide you with a specialist route to employment. Employment is not only about securing your first job, it is also about the capacity to build a career, or to even start a business. Studying at Level 4 and above will equip you with the necessary skills and knowledge to progress in your chosen career.

The benefits of Higher Skills are:

- Develop intellectual, practical, and digital skills
- Gain hands-on experience
- Become capable of critical thinking
- Solve problems and reach creative solutions
- Gain the ability to analyse and research
- Learn effective communication
- Develop confidence and resilience



What is Access to Higher Education?

An Access to Higher Education course provides the opportunity to gain a nationally recognised qualification that is designed for adults who wish to change career, study at degree level, or improve their employment opportunities.

We offer a range of access courses in many different subject areas that will allow you to progress to university or one of our Higher Education courses.

98% of Access to HE students at Kirklees College progressed to university or employment

92% of Access to HE students at Kirklees College got their first-choice university place

92% of Access to HE students would recommend Kirklees College

What are Higher Apprenticeships?



Kirklees College is one of the leading apprenticeship providers in the UK. We train approximately 1,000 apprentices over 30 occupational areas. Our apprentices are employed at over 1,000 companies throughout West Yorkshire.

A higher apprenticeship will provide you with an opportunity to gain a qualification at Level 4 and above whilst being employed and earning a wage throughout the course. As an apprentice, you will also gain a head start in your chosen profession by learning the skills that employers want.

As training costs can be co-funded by the government and the employer, an apprenticeship can also be a more cost-effective progression route without any debt.

Working in partnership with local and national employers, our specialist teaching team will train you to excel in the industry and equip you with specific skills and knowledge to perform your job role to the highest level.

For current vacancies, visit <https://www.kirkleescollege.ac.uk/apprenticeships>





UCAS Points Equivalent

If your qualification/grade isn't listed, visit <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/tariff-calculator> to find out how many UCAS points your grade is equivalent to.

A-levels		AS Levels	
A*	56 points	A	20 points
A	48 points	B	16 points
B	40 points	C	12 points
C	32 points	D	10 points
D	24 points	E	6 points
E	16 points		

BTEC	
D*D*D*	168
DDD	144
DMM	112
MMM	96
MPP	64
PPP	48

Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended National Diploma (a range of grades are given above)



Course List



Access

- Progression to Access to HE and Employment Level 1
- Progression to Access to HE Level 2
- Access to HE Art and Design Level 3
- Access to HE Business Level 3
- Access to HE Computing Level 3
- Access to HE Health Science Professions Level 3
- Access to HE Humanities and Social Sciences Level 3
- Access to HE Science

Animal Management

- HNC Animal Management Level 4
- HND Animal Management Level 5

Business and Professional

- Foundation Degree of Arts in Business and Management *

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Computing

- Cyber Security Technologist Apprenticeship Level 4
- Software Developer Apprenticeship Level 4
- Foundation Degree in Science in Computing *

Construction

- HNC Construction: The Built Environment Level 4

Counselling

- Therapeutic Counselling Diploma Level 5 *

Creative Industries

- Art, Design and Media Practice Foundation Diploma Level 3 / 4
- Creative Industries Practitioners Level 4

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Engineering

- HNC Engineering (General Engineering) Level 4
- HND Engineering (General Engineering) Level 5

Health and Social Care

- HNC Healthcare Practice for England (Integrated Health & Social Care) *

Hair and Beauty

- Salon Management Level 4

Hospitality and Catering

- Hospitality Management Level 4

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Professional Qualifications

- CIM Professional Digital Marketing Certificate Level 4
- CIM Applied Marketing Level 4
- AAT Professional Accounting or Taxation Apprenticeship Level 4
- AAT Association of Accounting Technicians Level 4
- CMI Principles of Leadership and Management Level 5 Diploma
- CMI Principles of Leadership and Management Level 5 Certificate
- CMI Principles of Leadership and Management Level 5 Award
- CMI Coaching and Mentoring Award Level 5
- CMI Coaching and Mentoring Certificate Level 5
- CMI Coaching and Mentoring Diploma Level 5
- CIM Professional Marketing Diploma Level 6
- CIM Managing Brands Level 6

Teacher Education

- Internal Quality Assurance and Assessment Process and Practice Level 4
- Diploma in Education and Training Award Level 5
- Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults (CELTA) Level 5
- Learning and Skills Teaching Apprenticeship Level 5
- Observation of Teaching and Learning Certificate Level 5
- Certificate in Education (Cert Ed in Lifelong Learning) Level 5
- Professional Graduate Certificate in Education (PrGCE in Lifelong Learning) Level 6
- Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE in Lifelong Learning) Level 7
- Postgraduate Diploma in Education (Lifelong Learning) Learning 7

Travel and Tourism

- International Travel and Tourism Management Level 4



Scan here to find out more
information about our courses



Our University Partners



Kirklees College is proud to partner with a number of universities and higher education institutions to provide the very best learning opportunities for our students.

University of Huddersfield

The University of Huddersfield has over 20,000 students and is a centre for world-class higher education, with a modern campus set in the heart of Huddersfield. The university has a wide range of accolades and is renowned for its commitment to employability. In 2021, the university was awarded Best University Employability Strategy at the National Graduate Recruitment Awards. These accolades reinforce the university's commitment to 'inspiring global professionals' and we are very proud to partner with an organisation that prioritises students' professional development.



University of Central Lancashire (UCLan)

The University of Central Lancashire is one of the UK's fastest-growing universities and is a real rising star of higher education provision in the country. In 2022-2023, UCLan was placed in the top 7% of universities globally by The Centre for World University Rankings (CWUR) and is widely known as a top-class institution, attracting students from across the world to its campuses in Preston, Burnley and Westlakes. We are delighted to be working with UCLan to offer foundation degrees in Business and Computing here at Kirklees College.



Our Learning Centres



Scan here to explore our centres

Pioneer Higher Skills Centre

Dedicated to Higher Skills and Higher Education, Pioneer Higher Skills Centre has driven the improvement of education and increased the skills of local people since it opened in 2020. This Victorian Grade II listed building retains many of its original architectural features, with facilities including science labs, IT suites, creative workshops, a gallery, photography studio, hair and beauty salons, recreation areas and a coffee shop.



Huddersfield Centre

This £70 million centre offers world-class facilities for vocational learning, including music, media and performing arts facilities, training kitchens and a restaurant, high-spec salons, advanced science labs, mock air cabin and mock nursing ward, providing the chance to train in a real-life environment. There is also a well-equipped gym and Starbucks coffee shop.



Engineering Centre

This £7.5m specialist centre boasts state-of-the-art equipment and workshops for CNC, manufacturing, maintenance, mechanics and fabrication and welding, as well as student recreation and breakout areas. There is also a dedicated automotive workshop designed to replicate a real-life motor vehicle workshop. We have also recently invested over £200,000 in our brand-new Hybrid Electric Vehicle Centre with new vehicle technology, training rigs and vehicles.



Brunel Construction Centre

This dedicated centre for skilled construction trades has industry standard workshops equipped with the right tools for the practical and hands-on learning required in the construction sector. The curriculum has a strong focus on employability skills to support students to progress into highly skilled roles in the industry.



Taylor Hill Animal Centre

This is a specialist eco-friendly centre houses a wide range of animals with an aviary, aquarium, small mammal house, farm, reptile unit and grooming studio. This building was awarded a Civic Trust Award for its ecological consideration in design with future plans to build a new community garden and reptile house.



Meet our Students

“ Studying for the CIM Level 6 Diploma in Professional Marketing has not only equipped me with the necessary knowledge and skills to excel in my academic pursuits but has also allowed me to transfer my knowledge to the workplace, enabling me to confidently navigate the ever-changing social media landscape and drive success for the Marketing team. ”

Maia, CIM Level 6 Diploma in Professional Marketing



“ I would recommend Kirklees College to anyone because it's a great place to study. The lecturers are at the top of their game and it is a clean and quiet environment at Pioneer Higher Skills Centre. There is extensive support available and fantastic facilities to improve yourself. I feel privileged and blessed to have studied my HNC Business at Kirklees College. ”

Oluwafemi Saye, HNC Business

“ Kirklees College helped me expand my love for learning. The staff were always supportive when I faced challenges within college or home life.

The college has been very supportive when I was unsure which route to take. They provided me with career advice that resulted in me progressing to university. After I studied my Access to HE, I completed a BA Hons degree in Childhood Studies and I am currently doing my MSc Psychology and hope to progress to a PhD. ”

Alaina, Access to HE Social Science





Funding your Studies

With the cost of going to university rising, you may think Higher Education (HE) is out of your reach financially, but university is not your only option. You could save around £17,500 when you choose to study a Higher Education course at Kirklees College, compared to university.

Funding for your Higher Education studies will be arranged by Student Finance England. To find out more about how much loan you may qualify for, visit <https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-register-login>.

Lower Tuition Fees

Tuition fees cover the cost of your tuition, registration and exams. At Kirklees College, our fees are significantly lower than universities and other colleges in the area. With lower tuition fees, the chance to live at home, work part-time and reduce travel costs, choosing to study a higher education course at Kirklees College is a fantastic way to gain high-quality qualifications. Our Financial Support team is happy to provide information, advice and guidance on any aspect of student finance and budgeting.

Bursaries

Kirklees College offers several funds to assist students so that all students, particularly those from our target groups, can fully engage with their studies.

Progression Bursaries: The college will continue to award Progression Bursaries to students progressing within the college from a Level 3 programme to a full-time Higher Education programme. A phased cash payment of £500 is made in the first year of study only. Students must have successfully completed a Level 3 programme at the college that is appropriate to allow progression to a full-time Higher Education programme. This award will be available to Kirklees College home students in receipt of the full HE maintenance grant or student support grant.

Local Student Bursaries: This bursary will target local students accepted on to a Higher Education programme at the college with a permanent home address in the local area (all West Yorkshire postcodes). A phased cash payment of £500 is made in the first year of study only. This award will be available to home students in receipt of the full HE maintenance grant or student support grant.

For more information on funding your studies email finsupp@kirkleescollege.ac.uk or call our Financial Support team on **0800 804 6134**.

STEM Bursaries: This bursary will be available to any home student on Engineering or Process Manufacturing programmes only. A phased cash payment of £500 will be made during each year of study (excluding any repeat year). This award will be available to home students in receipt of the full HE maintenance grant or student support grant. Students receiving this bursary are not eligible for any other bursary outlined in this Access Agreement.

Widening Access Bursaries

These bursaries are available to the following student groups:

Care Leaver Bursary: This bursary will offer support to any home student during each year of study (excluding any repeat year) and will be available to students who have left local authority care in the two years prior to enrolment on the first year of study, irrespective of postcode. A phased cash payment of £1000 is made during each year of study. Attendance must be 85% or above during the first the first three months on programme (other than in mitigating circumstances).

Full-Time Carer Bursary: This bursary will offer support to any home student during each year of study (excluding any repeat year) and will be available to applicants who have Full-Time career responsibilities. A phased cash payment of £1000 is made during each year of study. This award will be available to home students in receipt of the full HE maintenance grant or student support grant.

Access to HE Diploma Bursary: This bursary will offer support to students during their first year of study and will be available to students who have success fully completed an Access to HE Diploma programme. Students must have successfully completed an Access programme that is appropriate to allow progression to a Higher Education programme. A phased cash payment of £1000 is made during the first year of study only. This award will be available to home students in receipt of the full HE maintenance grant or student support grant.

Following the changes to the Disabled Students Allowance, Kirklees College is committed to ensuring that no student is disadvantaged.

All bursaries are subject to conditions.



Advanced Learner Loans

An Advanced Learner Loan can help you pay the fees charged by approved colleges and training organisations in England. Most students aged 19+ studying at Level 3, 4 (which includes Access, Diplomas and Certificates), 5, 6 and 7 qualify for these loans from the UK government.

Please note that all HNC/HNDs and foundation degrees are funded through Student Finance England, not Advanced Learner Loans.

How much can I get?

You can take out the maximum amount to cover your fee or you can pay all or part of the fee yourself. For example, you may be eligible to apply to the college's Loan Bursary Scheme for support with travel expenses. Whilst the loan is not means tested, the Advanced Learner Bursary Scheme is.



Am I eligible?

To be eligible you must:

- Be aged 19 or over at the start of your course
- Be undertaking an eligible course at Level 3, 4, 5 or 6
- Have been living in the UK for three years before starting your course
- Be a UK national or have 'settled status'

Prior attainment is not considered for your first Advanced Learner Loan. You can take out up to a maximum of four Advanced Learner Loans in total. You can only take out one loan at a time. You must complete a separate application for each loan. You are unable to take out two loans for the same qualification even if the qualifications are in a different area.

Advanced Learner Loan Bursary

If you have successfully applied for the Advanced Learner Loan, you may be eligible to receive support with course related expenses such as travel, childcare, etc. depending on your household income. Please contact the Financial Support Team for further information.

More information:

- Visit [gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan](https://www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan) or telephone **0300 100 0619**
- Contact Kirklees College Financial Support team on **0800 804 6134** or email finsupp@kirkleescollege.ac.uk

How to Apply

Once you have found a course you are interested in, it is easy to apply using our online application.

You can use our online application to apply for your chosen course – you just need to look for the 'apply' button on the course page. This can be found below the course overview. If there is no 'apply' button, please email info@kirkleescollege.ac.uk to find out how you join the course.

If the course is available at different centres, you will need to choose the centre you want to study at when you click 'apply'. To do this, you will need to click on the relevant box.

Once you have done this, you will be directed to our online application where you will need to follow the instructions on screen.

How to use our online application

You will need to complete the online application in one go and have the following information:

- Full address, including postcode
- An email address we can use to communicate with you
- A contact telephone number
- Any additional learning support you may need
- Your predicted or actual qualifications, subjects and grades
- Someone that you can put down as a reference and their contact details (please note we do not accept references from family members)

Please ensure you complete all sections of the application form. If information is missing or incomplete, it may delay your application. Once you have completed the application, you will be directed to a screen that shows you have completed. Once our Applications team has received it, you will receive an email acknowledgement.

Need some help?

If you are having any problems with the online application, please contact our College Information team. If you would prefer a paper application, the team can post one to you.

Telephone: 01484 437070

Email: info@kirkleescollege.ac.uk

If you have any questions about your application, please contact the Applications team.

Telephone: 01484 437033

Email: applications@kirkleescollege.ac.uk



Graduation

Graduation is the celebration of years of learning, endeavour and personal development. A higher level qualification says a great deal about you and the skills and abilities you have developed. It sets you apart as someone who can make a significant contribution to your community, to the lives of others, to wider society and to the economy.



Every year, Higher Education students from Kirklees College graduate in a ceremony at the magnificent Dewsbury Town Hall. Students wear traditional caps and gowns to receive their awards. On this very special day, graduates can celebrate their hard work and achievements with their family and friends.



It is a day of joy, and though it may feel like the end of your journey, it is another important part of a much longer journey that can extend as far as you decide through your ambition, passion and commitment to be the best that you can be.



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